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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION PROPOSES COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

1. ON DECEMBER 23 THE EC SPOKESMAN TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THE EC COMMISSION HAS CALLED UPON THE MEMBER STATES TO DEFINE, ON AN URGENT BASIS, A COMMON POSITION FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF THE LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS.

THE COMMISSION HAS ALSO PROPOSED TO THE COUNCIL THE SETTING UP OF A COMMON FISHING POLICY INVOLVING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SYSTEM FOR THE COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT OF FISHING RESOURCES TO SAFEGUARD STOCKS PROBABLY BY MEANS OF CATCH QUOTAS IN THE EVENT THAT THE UN LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE AGREES ON 200 MILE NATIONAL FISHING ZONES. THE COMMISSION IS ASKING THE COUNCIL FOR AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE ON BEHALF OF ALL COMMUNITY MEMBER STATES TO INSURE THE RECIPROCAL ACCESS OF COMMUNITY FISHERMEN TO THE CORRESPONDING 200 MILE NATIONAL FISHING ZONES OF THIRD COUNTRIES.

2. BECAUSE OF THE EXTENDED CHRISTMAS VACATION WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO REACH APPROPRIATE COMMISSION OFFICIALS FOR AMPLIFICATION OF THE SPOKESMAN'S ORAL STATEMENT.

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